

WAR IN OLD MEXICO

Revolutionists and Government Troops Fighting.

A SCORE OR MORE ARE KILLED.

The Engagement Takes Place at Tuncosid. The Rebels Escape to Secure Hiding and Plundering as They Go.

CITY OF MEXICO, Feb. 16.—The country about Chihuahua is in a troubled condition. People have flocked to Mexico by hundreds, and upon the plains have deserted their homes again. The government and rebels were sent over from Chihuahua to capture the leaders and claim the people.

A fierce fight.

The first detachment of troops entered Mexicali without resistance, but soon all under the influence of the rebels and joined the revolutionary. A second detachment was sent out upon arriving at the town, were met by the revolutionists, and a bloody battle was fought in which twenty-four rebels and nine rebels were killed and wounded on either side. The troops succeeded in capturing the town, but the rebels escaped to the mountains, robbing and plundering along the route.

More Kill'd to Battle.

Following closely upon this another battle was fought at Los Angeles in which the revolutionists came out victorious and without the loss of a man. Eight federal soldiers and their commanding officer were killed, and arms and ammunition captured and distributed among the revolutionists, who, up to the time of the departure of the minor mentioned above, still held possession of the town. The news of this victory spread rapidly and encouraged others to join the revolution. From every pass in the mountains swarmed men eager to join the movement, until the Federal soldiers surrounded the town and permitted no one to enter. A few days later the federales and revolutionists had a skirmish at Tocochi, in which three of the latter were killed and a number captured.

The loss to the government troops is not known, but it is thought to be larger than that sustained by the rebels, who were fortified in adobe buildings and had advantage of position. People are gathering in all the little towns and giving the government a great deal of trouble in dispersing them. Hundreds congregated at Mori before the federal troops arrived, but being poorly armed made no resistance and were held prisoners for two days in the plaza and then released and ordered to return to their homes.

IN HIS OWN BEHALF.

"Son of Peace" Tells a Memorial Story About Being Robbed by the Men Who Murdered the Peacemakers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—In the case of M. B. Curtis, the actor, Monday the defense stated that they would prove that Curtis was not left-handed, that the zipper on his right wrist would have prevented him from shooting Grant and that Curtis did not do the shooting. The defense claimed that the witness had been tampered with by the police and that testimony in Curtis' favor has been suppressed. The defense would also show that Curtis was not in the habit of carrying a revolver and had none on him that night that Curtis had no motive for shooting Grant and that the man who robbed Curtis of \$20 was the man who fired the fatal shot.

Curtis then took the stand. He testified that he was born in Detroit, Mich., and is an Episcopalian. He had been an actor twenty-two years. Was never before arrested. On the night of the shooting he had \$20 with him to pay a bill. He did not pay it because he missed his creditor. He left his wife at the theater and took a walk. Curtis then related the circumstance of meeting a man who threatened him down and robbed him and of their arrest by Officer Grant. When the shots were fired Curtis thought they were meant for him and ran. He did not recognize the man who accosted him. He did not have a pistol that night. Had been accustomed to use a pistol in the comedy "Ham" of Faust. He is not left-handed, but uses his left hand as much as his right. For three or four weeks after the shooting he had violent pains in the head.

GRADUATES OF SWIFT.

16 Convention of B.C. Chloride of Gold Club in Session.

Dwight, Ill., Feb. 16.—Over a hundred delegates to the world's convention of B.C. Chloride of Gold clubs have arrived and more than that number are en route. Thirteen states, England and Scotland are represented. Kansas, Missouri and Illinois lead in members. The convention was called to order at 1:30 p.m. Monday by Maj. S. M. Morris, of Pittsburgh, the first president of the B.C. Chloride of Gold club.

The secretary read a list of the clubs represented in the convention. They are as follows:

Illinoian, I. P. & W. Co., Worcester, Mass.; Boston, N. Y.; New York, N. Y.; Boston, N. Y.; New Haven, Conn.; New Haven, Conn.; New Bedford, Massachusetts; Providence, Rhode Island; Woburn, Massachusetts; Fall River, Massachusetts; New Bedford, Massachusetts; New Haven, Conn.; New Haven, Conn.

THREE GIRLS INJURED.

200 Ave. Vicksburg, Miss., in October and nearly 2000 with their horses. Overton, G. T., Feb. 16.—Misses Lydia Hayes, Julia Johnson and Clara Johnson, three young ladies, were horseback riding on Monday and their horses ran away with them. Miss Hayes fell from her horse, and, her feet catching in the stirrups, she was dragged across the ground, her legs being severed in a tree during the fall. She was severely cut and bruised and one eye was dislodged out by the horse's hoof. The other two girls were also thrown from their horses. Miss Hayes became partially unconscious and the horse was captured and brought back to the stable. She was severely cut and bruised and one eye was dislodged out by the horse's hoof.

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LOST IN THE OCEAN

Results of the Recent Storms on the Atlantic.

VESSELS AT THE GALES' MERCY

Waves of Monstrous Size Sweep the Decks of Many Ships—Several Sailors Swept Away to Their Death.

HALIFAX, Feb. 16.—News is just coming to hand of the disastrous effects of the blizzard which swept through last Thursday night and Friday. The schooner Laura, for Gloucester, Mass., from St. Jacques, N. F., has arrived here. The captain reports that he encountered the gale at midnight Thursday 20 miles off Whitehead. A tremendous sea swept over the vessel, carrying overboard two of the crew, John Kelly and Colin McKenna. Kelly was swept back upon the deck by another wave, but McKenna was never seen again. The American schooner Ellis G. Thorne has arrived at Liverpool and reports the loss of four men on the western banks. The men were in dories, and could not find their vessel. The Gloucester schooner S. A. Duncan foundered 23 miles southeast of Green Island on Saturday morning. Her captain and crew were saved by the Newfoundland schooner Sylph.

TYPHUS SPREADING.

The Dreaded Plague Is Galloping at an Alarming Rate in New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Late Monday afternoon three more cases of typhus were discovered in the lodging house conducted by the United Hebrew charities on Tenth street. The invalids were removed to North Brothers' Island. This makes a total of twelve cases of typhus fever discovered here Monday. There are eighty-four cases all told in the city.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 16.—Nine unfortunate passengers on the typhus fever infected ship Massilia, which landed in New York January 20, have been located in this county and great alarm exists lest the infection spread. At least two of the immigrants are known to be very sick, but as they are sedulously concealed by their fellow countrymen it is next to impossible to learn their condition or exact disease.

COFFINS GOING UP.

The Recently Broken Trust Reorganized at Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 16.—It is stated here this morning, on the authority of a prominent manufacturer of burial caskets, that an advance of about 30 per cent in the price of coffins will be made within thirty days. The coffin trust, which was first organized here three years ago, and was recently broken by several large companies refusing to be bound by its regulations, has been reorganized and now practically controls the business in this country. The higher prices are the result.

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THE Late Freeze Injured the Wheat.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 16.—The general report of the farmers is that the wheat was considerably injured by the late freeze by being "spewed up" by the roots out of the ground. Several farmers say whole fields are entirely destroyed by this and that they will plow it up and plant potatoes. The acreage this year will no doubt be a good deal reduced in this region.

ROBBED BY Bucket-Shop.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 16.—Robert Childs, aged 72 years, died at his home near Blackleywood Monday. Five years ago he was worth \$200,000 and owned 1,000 acres of fine land which he had accumulated by a life of hard work. He began investing in grain and Chicago bucket-shop speculations and in a short time lost everything.

To Redefine the State of Illinois.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 16.—The legislature met to-day to call an extra session to redistrict the state under the new census, which gives Missouri fifteen congressmen instead of fourteen as at present. An effort will be made, it is understood, to make at least fourteen of the new districts as nearly equal in population as possible.

Death of Capt. John Stoeck.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 16.—Capt. John Stoeck, the hero of the R. E. Lee steam boat disaster, died here Sunday. When the steamer Robert E. Lee was burned in 1862, near Natchez, he was at the wheel and bravely stuck to his post until the last moment. He was the last to leave the vessel at the break and then only escaped with his life.

A Bank Robber Arrested.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 16.—Last year the McNab bank at Eufaula, the oldest and most trusted bank in Alabama, broke under sensational circumstances. The money was gone and could not be accounted for. The president, Maj. Reeves, who was a son-in-law of the founder and a Baptist preacher, was indicted for embezzlement and at the trial just closed he was convicted. The trial lasted a week and the term of his sentence is for five years. Reeves lost the money in speculations in stocks and timber lands.

Chicago Firemen Organize.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—The Protestant preachers of Chicago have formed a new organization which will be known as the Pastors' alliance. The alliance begins its career with 200 members, all denominations being represented. It was organized for the purpose of dealing with the dangers that will arise during the holding of the world's fair here, and for taking united action in the religious congresses that will be held during that period. Rev. Dr. F. A. Noble was chosen president and Rev. J. H. Gow, secretary and treasurer.

Big Carpet Bill Passed.

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the Consolidated West End railroad, and one of the largest real estate owners in the city, died here Monday, leaving a widow and one daughter. His estate is valued at \$16,000.

Gave Much to Charity.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 16.—Mrs. Frances Jones Weston died Monday, aged 82 years. She was connected with many charitable institutions and was a munificent donor in the Episcopal church and at a cost of \$10,000 erected the Weston's home on Spring street.

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PORTLAND, Ind., Feb. 16.—Gas driller of this city have just completed the fifth dry gas well at Marion. Music has gone outside with his pipe line for gas, and with the complete failure of what were once good wells in this county has gone the theory that natural gas will last forever. All gas consumers now see the necessity of the precious fuel.

New Railway Through the Pine Woods.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 16.—Frederick Weyerhaeuser and other leading lumbermen met here Monday and agreed to build a new railway this spring through the pine woods of Wisconsin from Chippewa Falls via Hayward to Superior. The lumbermen in the agreement represent the St. Croix, Chippewa Valley and Mississippi companies.

Short in His Accounts.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—Thomas S. Black, sheriff of this (Franklin) county, is \$4,000 short in his accounts. His bondsmen will make the amount good. Black has signed all his property over to his bondsmen, but this will not cover his shortage.

Suicide of an Opium Victim.

EUREKA, Wyo., Feb. 16.—Monday evening, while gassed with opium, Charles Sweet shot himself through the head. He had been a resident of Eureka over forty years and at one time was prominent in state politics.

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WAGNER, Mo., Feb. 16.—The senate has passed a resolution authorizing immediate joint investigation of the Brown-brown fever-attack immigrants.

CLAY CITY, Ill., Feb. 16.—Mrs. Thomas Emery, of this place, being in the last stages of consumption, was recommended to eat dog meat as a cure. She commenced to eat it two weeks ago and is now sitting up and is rapidly improving.

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LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 16.—Col. H. M. McCarty, editor of the Louisville Journal, died Monday. He was assistant secretary of state under Gov. Knott and was at one time an editor of the Louisville Courier.

National Real Estate Congress.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 16.—Delegates to the national real estate congress have begun to arrive for the first session of three days, beginning Wednesday. Over 1,000 delegates will be here from the principal cities of the United States. St. Louis, Chicago, Buffalo, Milwaukee and Cincinnati alone send 400 delegates. Gov. Buchanan will deliver the welcome address. After the meeting the real estate men will go over the south in special trains.

All Compensation Cut Off.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 16.—There is great excitement in Adel, located near here, on account of scarlet fever and diphtheria, which have been prevalent there for some time. The town is practically isolated from the rest of the world, strict quarantine regulations being in effect. No one is allowed to enter or leave the place.

To Prevent Food Adulteration.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—In the senate Monday Senator Paddock (Rep.)'s bill for preventing the adulteration and misbranding of food and drugs was taken up in the special order. The bill was read in full and portions of the report which accompanied the bill at the last congress were also read. The bill went over as unfinished business, to come up at 2 o'clock each day.

We Investigate the Good Books.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The New Jersey legislature turned its attention Monday evening to the recent deal whereby the Reading has obtained control of the Lehigh Valley and the New Jersey Central. Mr. Lane, of Union, introduced a resolution of inquiry.

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